Memphis Area Planning Council....

In April 2007, Shelby County, TN was awarded Part A funding for the first time from the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). Part A funds are awarded to those urban areas that have been hit hardest by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The Memphis TGA consists of eight counties that cross multi-interstate lines: Shelby, Fayette and Tipton Counties in Tennessee, Crittenden in Arkansas, and Desoto, Marshall, Tate and Tunica Counties in Mississippi.

Appointed by the Shelby County Mayor, the Memphis TGA Ryan White Planning Council seeks to create a seamless continuum of care for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). The goal of the Council is to address the unmet needs of the infected and affected PLWHA in the Memphis TGA. Together with the Ryan White Program in the Shelby County Division of Community Services, the Council conducts planning activities to determine service needs for PLWHA and to allocate funding to match the identified needs.

The Ryan White Program....

The Federal Ryan White Program was created in 1990 to improve the quality and availability of medical care and support services for low-income, uninsured and underinsured individuals and families affected by HIV disease. It is named after Ryan White, an Indiana teenager who courageously struggled with HIV/AIDS while facing discrimination in accessing the education and medical systems.

How To Become A Council Member

If you live in the Memphis TGA which includes Shelby, Fayette, Tipton, Tate, Tunica, Desoto, Marshall and Crittenden counties and interested in the Planning Council:

Attend a meeting: All meetings are open to the general public and public comments are welcomed.

<u>Complete an application:</u> Applications are available for anyone interested in the Planning Council.

For more information on the Memphis Area Ryan White Planning Council please contact:

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Planning Services for People Affected by HIV/AIDS

Funding is provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act and administered by Shelby County Government Division of Community Services

Mission of the Planning Council....

To determine priorities for how Ryan White Part A funds are allocated based on the documented needs of the HIV/AIDS community in the three state target areas.

Planning Council Composition...

The Council's diverse membership reflects the demographics-race, age, gender, ethnicity of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the area. One third of the total Council members <u>must</u> be individuals who are living with HIV/AIDS, not including employees, board members or consultants of Part A or MAI-funded service providers. The Council is also required to include individuals who represent the following:

- Community-based organizations, AIDS services organization and home-care providers who treat PLWHA
- Social service providers furnishing services to PLWHA, including housing and homeless services
- Mental health providers
- Substance abuse treatment providers
- State and local public health agencies
- Hospitals and health care planning agencies
- Non-elected community leaders
- State Medicaid agency
- State agency administering Ryan White Part B program
- Ryan White Part C grantees
- Ryan White Part D grantees
- Health care providers, including federally qualified health centers
- Grantees under other federal HIV programs, including providers of HIV/AIDS prevention services

Planning Council Participation...

The Planning Council needs dedicated individuals to be a part of the decision-making process for HIV/AIDS related services in the Memphis Transitional Grant Area (TGA). Opportunities to serve on the Memphis Area Ryan White Planning Council are available for:

- A person living with HIV/AIDS and experienced with HIV/AIDS issues and policies
- A provider for HIV/AIDS services
- One experienced in community and organizational planning
- People that know how to work on a team and have effective communication skills

Planning Council Requirements...

- Must serve a two-year term
- Attend monthly Planning Council meetings
- Serve on at least one committee
- Attend monthly committee meetings



Planning Council Committees...

- Executive sets the Council agenda, ensures orderly and integrated work of Council committees.
- Membership recruits and screens membership applications, conducts interviews, makes membership recommendations to the Shelby County Mayor.
- Evaluation & Assessment develops standards of care for each funded service, evaluates the administrative functions of the Grantee and assist the Grantee with quality management activities.
- Priority Setting & Comprehensive Planning sets priorities and resource allocation, develops comprehensive plan for delivery of HIV/AIDS services in the Memphis TGA.
- Affected Communities/Consumer ensures consumer involvement in the Council, coordinates public information and education sessions on available HIV/AIDS services.

Call today for more information....

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